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GOVERNOR JOHN WINTHROP

CHRONICLE *of* EVENTS

AT THE

Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary Celebration

Conducted by the

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS on Boston Common

IN the City of Boston in the forenoon of the fifteenth day of July, in the year nineteen hundred and thirty to commemorate the establishment of government under provisions of the Charter to the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, granted by His Majesty, King Charles the First of England, and brought to the place of its jurisdiction by Governor John Winthrop on the twelfth day of June in the year

SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY

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ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, FRANK GILMAN ALLEN
AND RAISING OF THE COLORS

Reception of Distinguished Guests

In behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by His Excellency the Governor, Frank Gilman Allen. The Honorable Calvin Coolidge, former President of the United States, and Mrs. Coolidge are of this distinguished company.

Invitations to be present were extended to the Representatives of all nations with which the United States of America has diplomatic relations and it is to the pleasure of the Commonwealth that so many officials from other countries are in attendance.

Review of Military Units:

5th U. S. Infantry

U. S. Marines

Detachments of Blue Jackets under arms from Cruisers "Concord" and "Trenton", U. S. N., and from Destroyer "McFarland", U. S. N.

The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) of Canada

26th Division Massachusetts National Guard, Massed Colors

241st Coast Artillery Corps, Massachusetts National Guard

211th Coast Artillery Corps, Massachusetts National Guard

372nd Infantry Massachusetts National Guard

Naval contingent from His Majesty's Ship "Durban"

United States Marine Reserves

United States Navy Reserves

Battery A 101st Field Artillery, Massachusetts National Guard

Massed colors representing all Massachusetts posts of the American Legion

Airplane Procession:

26th Division Massachusetts National Guard Squadron

United States Army Planes

Civilian Planes from Boston Airport

Music:

During the Review, by bands from the various military units

Instrumental music during the program by a band of sixty-three musicians and choral numbers by the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston arranged by the Music Committee appointed by the Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary Commission

Conductor Wallace Goodrich

International Tercentenary Day

JULY 15, 1930

Words of Songs to be Sung by

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY

GOD SAVE THE KING

God save our gracious King
Long live our noble King
God save the King
Send him victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save the King.

HYMN

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

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Invocation

By His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston

Hymn

"Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Presentation of His Excellency the Governor

Frank Gilman Allen by The Honorable Herbert Parker, Chairman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary Commission

Address of Welcome

By His Excellency, The Governor

Presentation by the Governor of

His Honor James M. Curley, Mayor of Boston, who will respond for the people of his city

Presentation by the Governor of

His Excellency, The Right Honorable Sir Ronald Lindsay, Ambassador of Great Britain

"God Save the King"

Response to the Governor

By The Right Honorable Sir Ronald Lindsay

"The Puritan"

Poem Read by The Honorable Robert Grant

Oration

By The Right Honorable Herbert A. L. Fisher, F. R. S., Warden of New College, Oxford, England

Benediction

By The Reverend Abbot Peterson, Chaplain of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and Pastor of the First Church in Brookline

"The Star Spangled Banner"

The Puritan

VERSES WRITTEN FOR THE OCCASION AND READ BY THE AUTHOR, HONORABLE ROBERT GRANT

Why are we gathered to commemorate
Three centuries, a modicum of time
If measured by the course of human fate
And man's achievements born of dreams sublime,
Which the erasing years would celebrate
As annals to be set in prose and rhyme?
Why have we asked a busy world to stay
To heed the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay?

Heart of our heart, their impress still abides
In all of us native or foreign born.
He writes his name in water who derides;
Wit carves on sand. Heedless of scorn
We hold inviolate the best of prides,
For still their stanchness holds this land in pawn.
Pride that we see their faults e'en to the core,
Yet know their virtues shrined forever more.

Freemen they came because they would not brook
Restraints on serving God as they saw best.
For this alone a native land forsook,
Breasting tall seas to an adventurous west,
Two thousand souls undaunted by the look
Of hunger, cold or death as daily guest.
Stern coasts and cruel winters could not kill
Their passionate faith or their unbending will.

Their charter in the Arbella's cabin brought
Seed of our dearest liberties. Self rule,
Narrow until theocracy was taught
That freemen wished free ballots and free school.
Intolerance slowly harked to saner thought,
And common sense helped to keep passion cool.
To know God's word each child must learn to read.
All men should vote. And thence a hardy breed.

White corn, black beans declared the electorate's will.
Thrift comfort wrung from a reluctant ground.
They toiled and struggled ceaselessly until
Self discipline made industries abound.
They spun and wove. Our idle harbors still
Tell of their trade which ran the near seas round.
Strong was their faith, but in their souls more strong
The eternal conflict between right and wrong.

Out of this virtue sprang our patriot sires.
Out of the meeting house the civic pride
That walks erect by conquering base desires,
And guarding truths for which our best have died.
The Puritan has passed; his creed expires.
Still in the issue from his loins abide
The steadfast purposes of hardihood,
And twenty millions glorify their blood.

Time gilds her scales. The pioneers who trod
These bleak shores first proved wiser than their plan.
The Bible Commonwealth that stood for God
Became precursor of the rights of man,
And pertinacious as our golden rod
The flowerings of liberty began.
Joy reigns, dreams live, and all are free to pray
As each sees best where conscience held harsh sway.

Good will rejects the autocratic mould.
But let not us who crossed a safer sea,
Thousands of foreign born, tongues manifold,
Coming as they in search of liberty,
And their deep dug foundations hold
Secure in happy, prosperous fee,
Forget the truth for which the forefathers stood,
Their fervent love for living as God would.

This resolute illustrious Bay State
Won from the Indian and the wilderness,
Rich in opinion strong, traditions great,
Beauties that charm, large industries that bless,
Holds upon hill and valley, rock and slate
Indelibly the Puritan's impress.
A precious heritage, our dearest wealth
Forever more. God save the Commonwealth!

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